



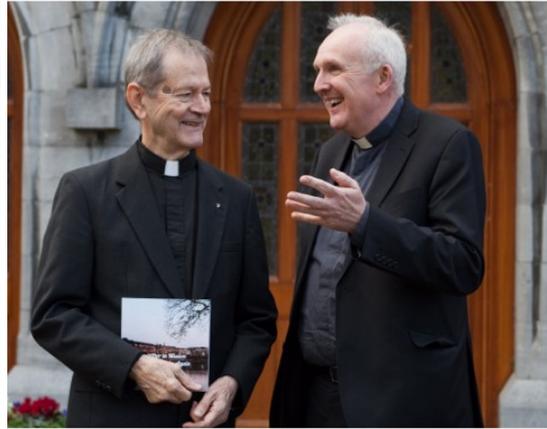
A Synod Process

*Gathering, listening, learning, planting,
harvesting ...*



Delegates

*Gather 350 or so delegates
and bring them together in
one place*



Some 350 delegates drawn from all areas of Catholic faith in Limerick who have stepped forward for selection for the Synod attended the first event in preparation for the Synod itself at Mary Immaculate College on Saturday.



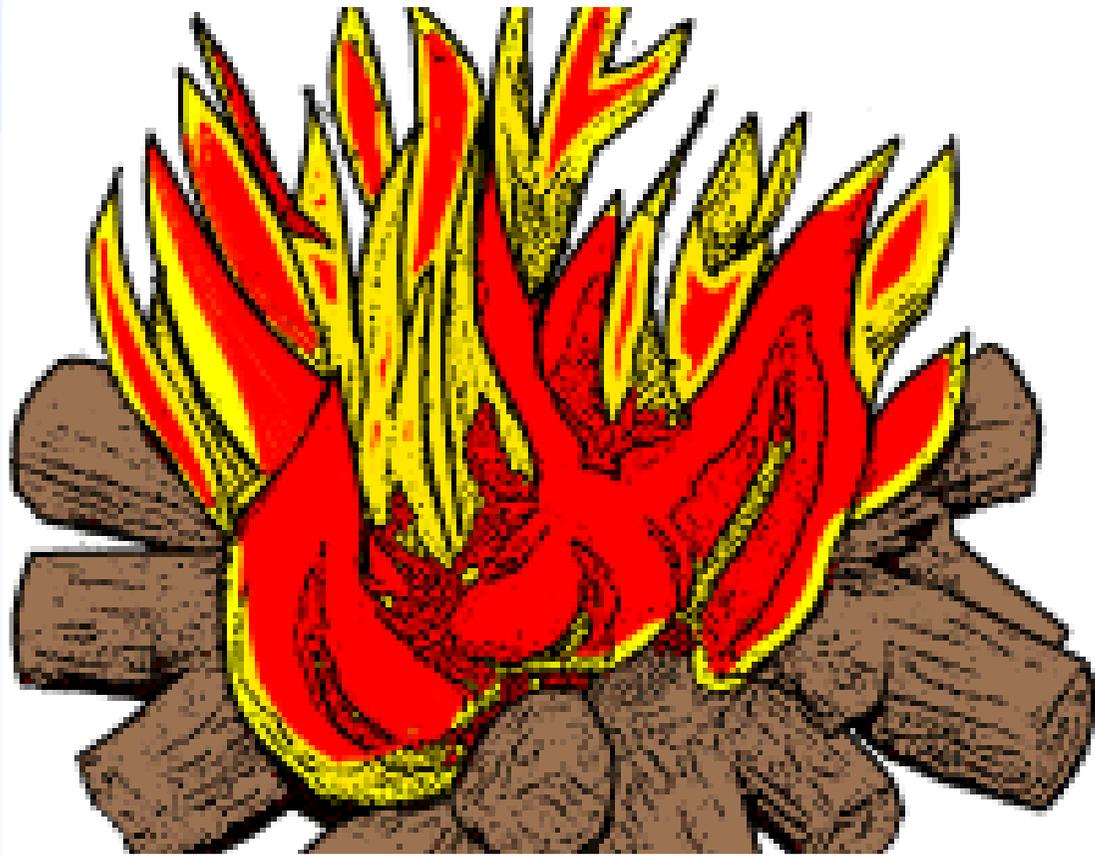
Prepare

*Prepare and send delegates out
to be hunter gatherers among
the people of God in this place*

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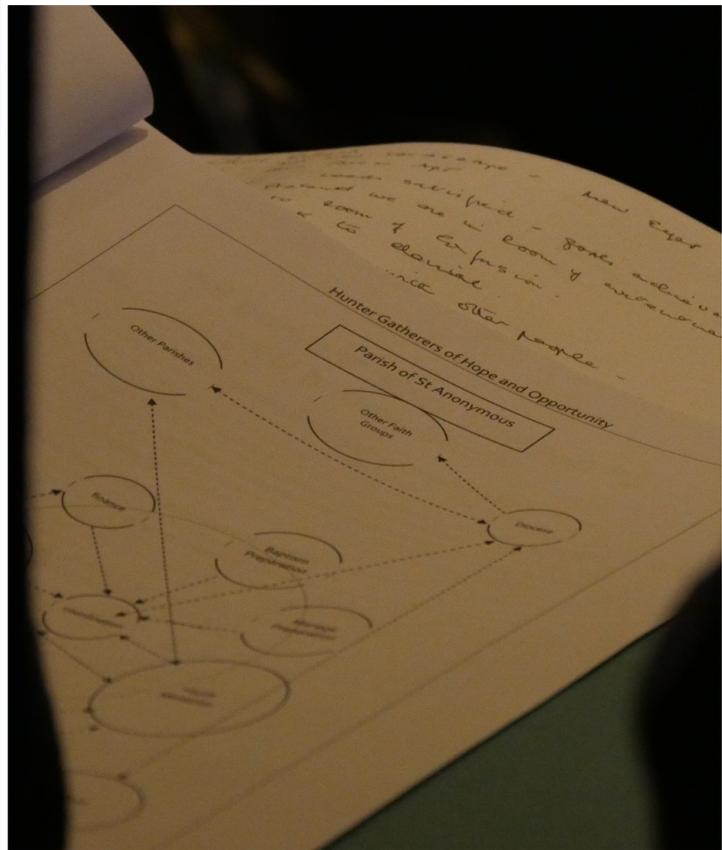
A gathering of all delegates took place on Saturday 31st January in The Limerick Radisson Hotel. The training was facilitated by Christopher Schoch, who is based in Clermont-Ferrand, France. Chris has designed and facilitated collaborative projects at different levels of Evry diocese including: revitalizing parish ministries, developing better collaboration, collaboratively planning a 5 year strategic plan, and launching interfaith dialogue.



Listen

Delegates to offer a variety of listening processes in their areas or ministry across the diocese ...

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Across this diocese over 5000 people engaged in discussion, surveys, on-line, in shopping centres, churches and schools.



Report back

*Gather back the information –
listen to what's coming in to
see what emerges as priorities
or themes ...*

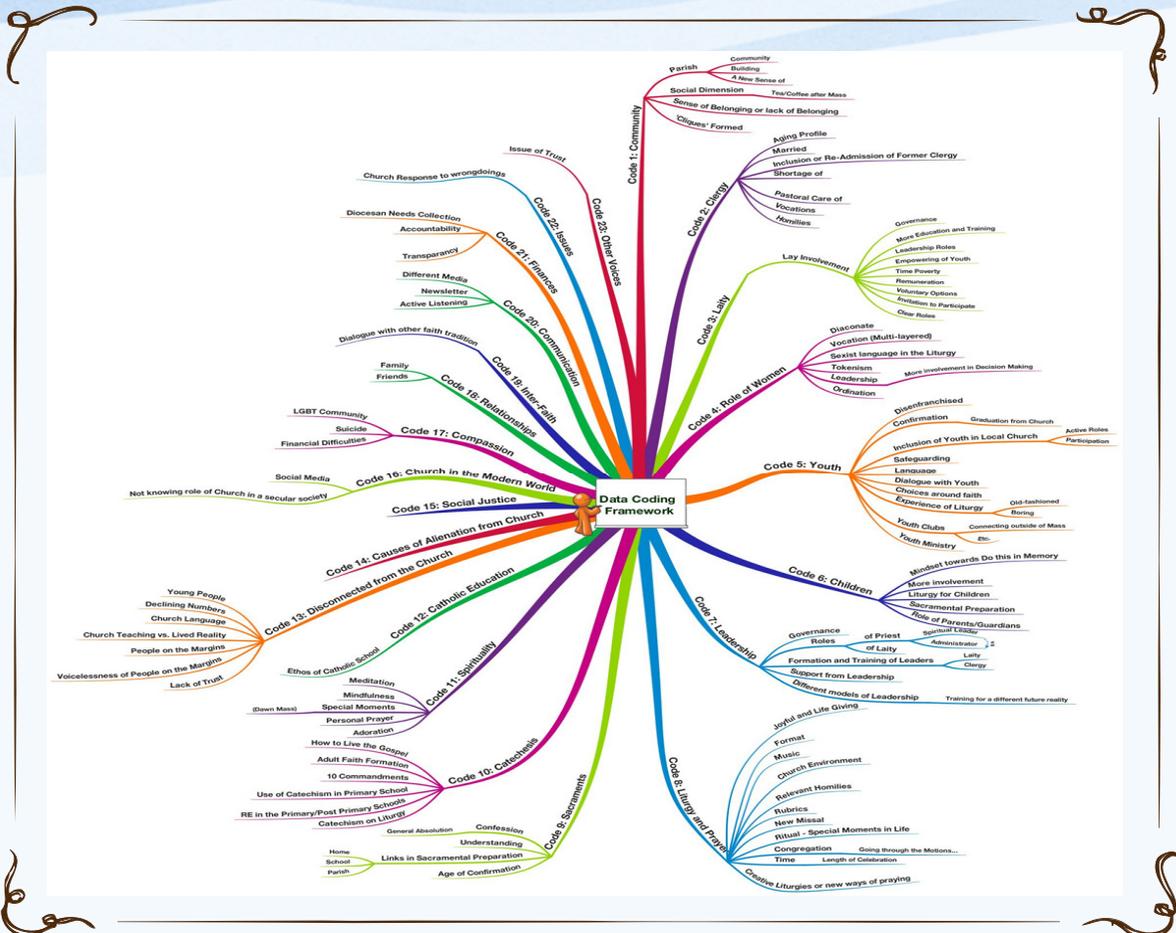
... smoke signals!



On Saturday June 27th delegates gathered in Thomond Park. We were now coming to the end of the 'See' stage in which Listening has occurred to gather the issues of the people as expressed by the people.



The delegates have been actively engaged in a variety of methods of listening in their own communities. Parishes, schools, hospitals, universities and many other groups have used questionnaires, focus groups, informal listening and various other means to gather the views of people throughout the diocese.



Discern

What's emerging, what are people saying

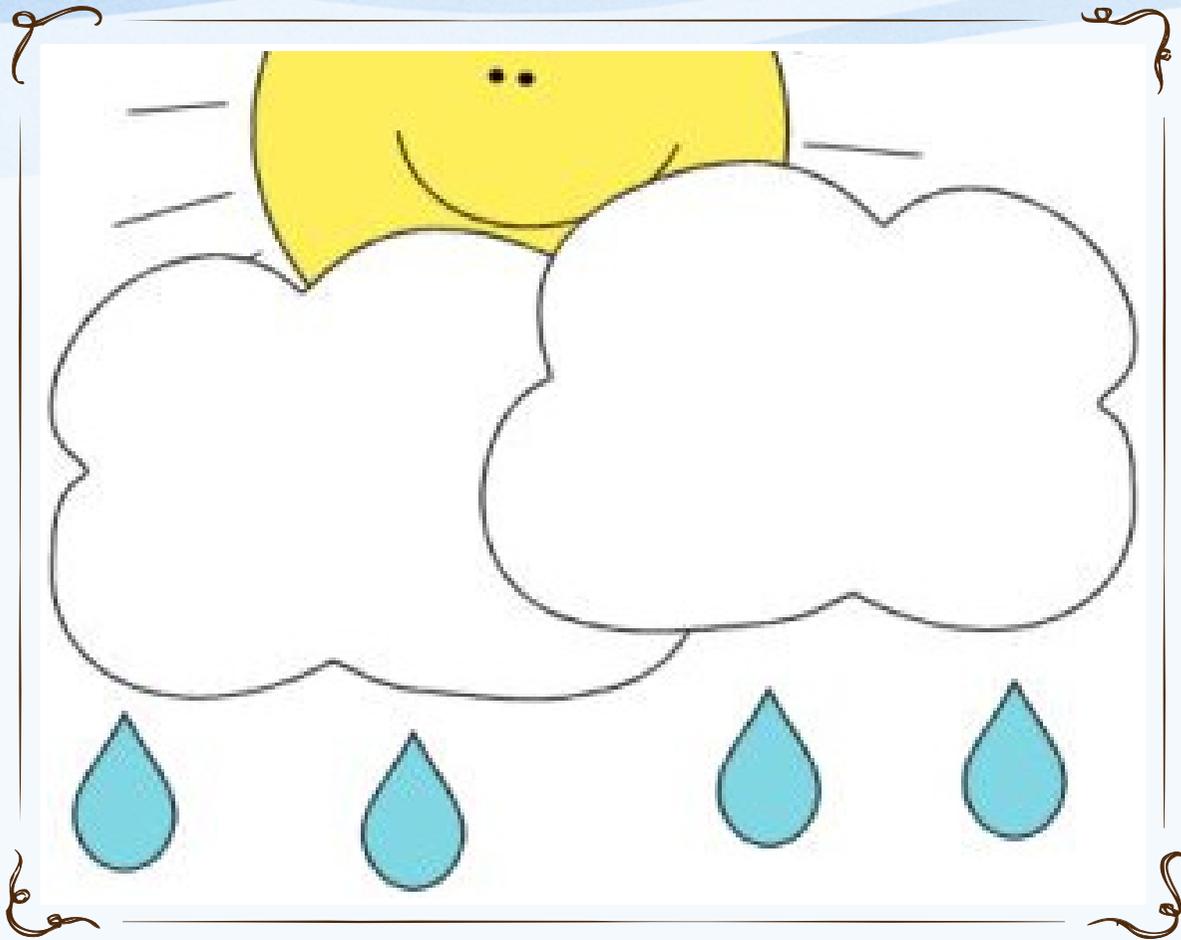




October 2015 - A gathering of over 300 delegates - 70% of whom were lay people - to the Limerick Diocesan Synod, which takes place next year, selected the six themes from a shortlist of 12 compiled over a 'Listening Process' in the first half of 2015.



The process connected with 5,000 plus people, from primary school children to the elderly and drawn from all socio economic backgrounds and ethnicities, across the Diocese.



Broad to specific

How can we move from themes to aspirations and ideas. How can we make those ideas into concrete achievable proposals ...

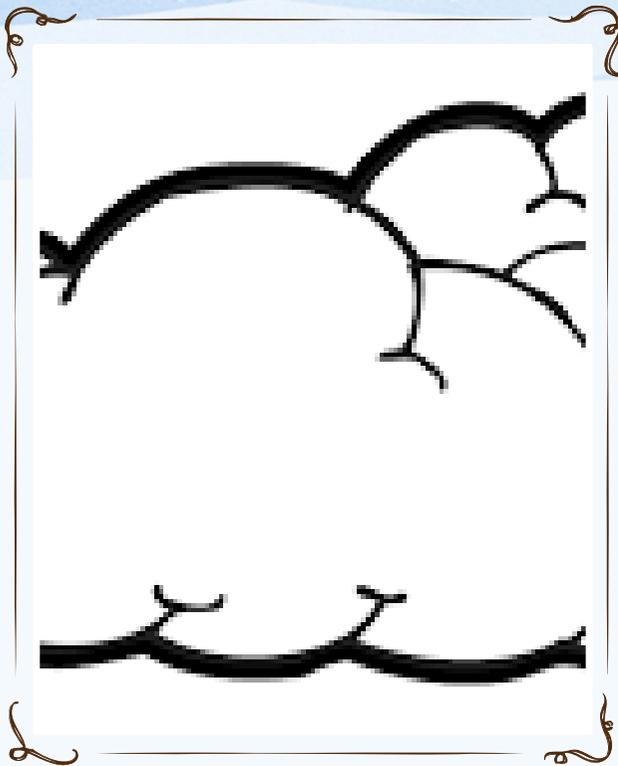


Spring 2016 - a series of meetings across the diocese

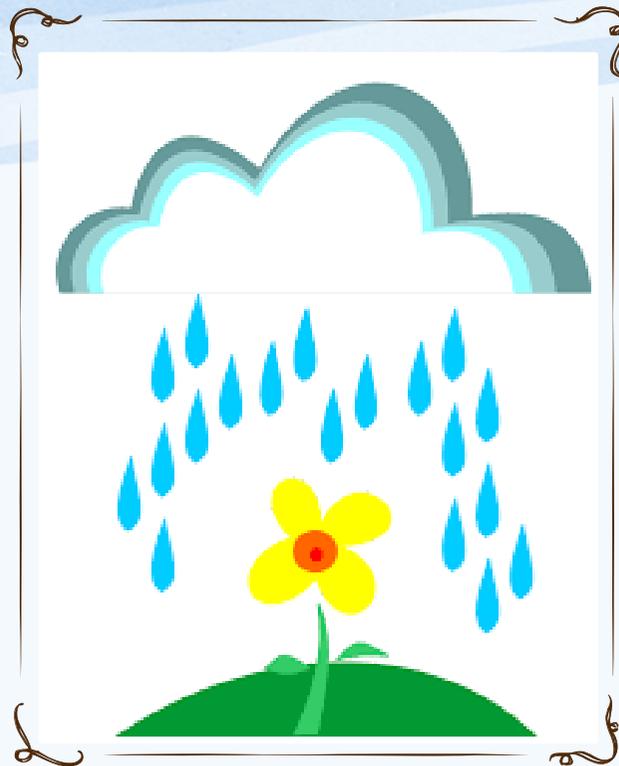
Jan: invitation to create proposals



Feb: themed meetings to accept and refine proposals



Themes - Emerging from the listening, smoke signal to cloud!



Ideas - From the listening, according to theme, ideas rain down



Proposals - working on ideas, grounded in our experience and this process

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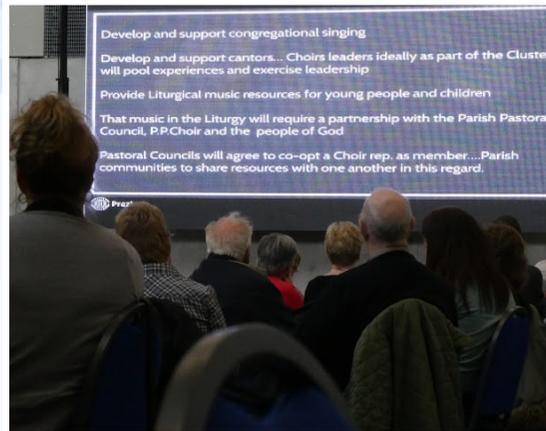
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March meeting of delegates

Clarifying the Synod Process, Proposals available to see, Final preparations for Synod





A Synodal process

Gather the delegates

Prepare and send them out

Listen and discern themes

Create Ideas and Proposals



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